

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
PUBLIC HEARING – PARKING ORDINANCE AND REGULAR SESSION
7:00 P.M. JULY 14, 2009

ATTENDING: Mayor Kendall Spence
Mayor Pro-Tem: Sandy Coughlin
Council Members: Virginia Currence, Jo Waybright, Clint Newton
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk/Tax Collector – Cheri Clark
Attorney Ken Swain
Absent: Greg Crosby

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kendall Spence called the Public Hearing for the Parking Ordinance to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kendall Spence led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Kendall Spence read into the minutes the following e-mail from Norris Jeffrey.

First, I wish to congratulate our new officers (Deputies) and the town council and staff on the recent dramatic increase and improvement in enforcement of our traffic ordinances and other statutes. The efforts to deal with juveniles are especially appreciated and needed. Keep Up the Good Work!

A couple of thoughts regarding the ordinance...

It is important that any fine structure associated with violations of the parking ordinance be of a level that serves as a continuing deterrent to repeat violations and yet not be a severe economic burden. Before adopting any changes to the fine structure, perhaps a review of experiences of other nearby jurisdictions in dealing with parking violations might be of value -look at fine levels and repeat offenders.....

Ignorance of the ordinance is not a valid excuse. We do not need a grace period for issuance of "warnings". The new emphasis on enforcement is something that has been needed for a long time. Any public notice should note the recent emphasis on improved and EFFECTIVE enforcement.

I would like to see the period of time when a recreational vehicle can be parked extended to four hours. The current one hour limitation does not allow sufficient time for repairs, cleaning and unloading/loading....We have a small 13' Camper and this change would be appreciated.

Mr. Byrum does not live in Lake Park and would request that his citation #0275 be waived.

Mr. Henry Counts expressed his frustration over a parking situation in the Garden District that has been going on for years. There is a vehicle in a parking space that has not moved in several years. The tag expired in Jan 2008 and the last inspection was March 2005. Mr. Counts wanted to know what constituted an abandoned vehicle.

Mr. David Bowdoin stated that the address on his citation was incorrect and that he had never parked at that address nor did it exist in the VOLP. Deputy Haywood explained how the GPS system worked and the fact that sometimes it is not an accurate address but close to the site. Citation #0282 Mr. Bowdoin acknowledged that the photo associated with the citation is in fact his vehicle.

Mr. Joe Jeffries stated that his daughter had received the citation for parking too close to the intersection and due to the fact that there are no signs in the VOLP, he is requesting a waiver. Citation #0272

Mayor Kendall Spence stated that Council will be discussing the Parking Ordinance.

Ditra Phipps stated that she did not know we could not park on the grass and that without signs how could the public know where to park. On that same night she saw four other vehicles without citations parked on the grass. Ms. Phipps expressed her concern about the young adults hanging out in the street in front of 5926 Creft Circle. She felt the VOLP should be more concerned about that situation as opposed to parking on the grass.

Mr. Ed George stated that the lack of communication has created this situation. He suggested that Council give the officers leeway to issue either a warning ticket or a citation.

David Grant suggested that the village use some type of curb marking device to designate no parking areas.

Dr. Keiger stated that the lack of communication concerning the Parking Ordinance is dividing the community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Sandy Coughlin stated that receiving citations had been much more effective than warnings because people were not taking warnings seriously.

Virginia Currence stated that as far as not communicating, ordinance information is printed in the newsletter and on the government website www.lakeparknc.gov. The only other way to inform the public that she is aware of would be through the use of bulk mailing.

Jo Waybright stated that she did not know what else we could do to improve communication.

ADJOURN: Jo Waybright made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing – Parking Ordinance. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Kendall Spence

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kendall Spence called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Public Hearing – Proposed 2009 – 2010 Budget and Regular Session Minutes May 12, 2009 – Jo Waybright made the motion to accept the May 12, 2009 Public Hearing and Regular Session minutes. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. June 9, 2009 Regular Session Minutes - Virginia Currence made the motion to accept the Regular Session minutes for June 9, 2009. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Norman expressed his concerns about the four bus stops at the intersection of Emma and Conifer Circle and suggested that a speed bump be installed to slow down the traffic before there is a terrible accident. He would also like Council to consider a speed bump near the walkway between Conifer and Etheredge. From a security standpoint, Mr. Norman requested that the Deputies be aware of the intersection at Emma Court and Conifer late in the evenings.

Mayor Kendall Spence presented David Grant the Hometown Hero Award for all of his hard work and dedication to the Village of Lake Park Common Area Planning Task Force.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Add the following: 9A. Union County Governance Committee and add 5A Parking Ordinance. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to accept the agenda as amended. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SECURITY: Deputy Haywood shared that there have been 456 total calls for the month of June. The call volume includes 74 Business Checks, 65 Residential Checks, 47 Improperly Parked vehicles, 29 Bike Patrols, 28 traffic stops, and 55 Preventative Patrols. We are still experiencing a large number of false alarms - 11. Eighty five calls were citizen initiated and 371 officers initiated between June 1st to July 14th..

Deputy Haywood stated that we have had a couple of isolated incidents of flat tires and egging. The all terrain vehicles and dirt bikes are using a path off of Sybil Court to access areas to ride. Deputy Haywood suggested that Parks and Rec. install some type of barrier to block the trail.

The VOLP had one fireworks complaint. Virginia Currence thanked Deputy Haywood for leading the Fourth of July parade.

Parking citations and concerned residents expressed their thoughts during the public hearing concerning the Parking Ordinance. Attorney Ken Swain suggested that the VOLP change the penalty from \$50 to \$10 with a \$40 late fee. The North Carolina Debt Set-Off Program has a \$50 minimum. If we enact the change, Attorney Ken Swain would need to draft an affidavit concerning someone driving a vehicle that does not belong to them.

Jo Waybright requested verification concerning citations that have already been written. Attorney Ken Swain stated that the law is not retroactive. If you received a \$50 citation, then that would be the amount required to pay the ticket. Attorney Ken Swain also shared that the deputies have always had and continue to have discretion as to whether or not to issue a citation.

Sandy Coughlin conveyed Mr. Bob Shaw's complaint for receiving a citation on an RV that was parked on the street less than twenty four hours – it was there however overnight. He paid the ticket.

Attorney Ken Swain stated that he did not know what the solution is as far as communication of the ordinances to the residents and visitors.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND “PARKING ORDINANCES- ARTICLE ONE- STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY,” OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Lake Park, North Carolina that Parking Ordinances- Article One- Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally, of the General Ordinances of the Village of Lake Park be amended as follows:

Section 1-13. Penalties shall be amended from this date forward as follows:

- I. Section 1-13 shall be entitled from the effective date of this amendment forward “Section 1-13. Penalties and Enforcement.”
- II. Section 1-13. Penalties and Enforcement shall read from the effective date of this amendment as follows:
 - (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code or Article, violations of the provisions of this Article shall subject the offender to a civil penalty as authorized by N.C.G.S. Section 160A-175(c) upon the issuance of a citation for said violation as hereinafter provided.
 - (b) Upon the issuance of a citation provided for herein the owner or operator, if different from the owner, of the motor vehicle in violation shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10.00 within 15 calendar days after the issuance of the citation. Upon failure to pay the citation within 15 calendar days, a late penalty of \$40.00 will be assessed for each citation not paid within the time required.
 - (c) If the penalty is not paid as provided in subsection (b) herein above a notice shall be mailed via the United States Postal Service to the operator, if known, or the registered owner of the vehicle in violation if the operator is not known, enclosing a copy of the citation and stating that unless the civil penalty is paid within five calendar days after mailing of the notice the Village will seek civil remedies in the nature of a debt to collect same.
 - (d) If the notice prescribed in subsection (c) herein above is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle in violation it shall contain a further statement that if the registered owner of the vehicle in violation or his or her spouse or duly authorized agent did not commit the violation then he or she must come to the office of the Village Town Administrator of the Village within the five-day period provided for in subsection (c) herein above and sign an affidavit to that effect and further providing the name and all known contact information for the person in violation. Upon signing said affidavit further proceedings for the collection of said civil penalty against said registered owner shall cease. If said registered owner shall fail to sign said affidavit within the time prescribed herein it shall be prima facie evidence in any court in the State of North Carolina that the registered owner of said vehicle in violation was the person, firm or corporation committing the violation.

- (e) The provisions contained within this section shall not prohibit or prevent the implementation or use of any other enforcement provision as authorized by this Article, or State or Federal law.

Section 1-15. Enforcement is hereby repealed.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective on the 15 day of July 2009.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14 DAY OF JULY, 2009.

Honorable Kendall Spence
Mayor

Attest:

Village Clerk

Virginia Currence made the motion that we adopt the proposed changes to the Parking Ordinance. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Under discussion Attorney Ken Swain suggested that Council give either the Town Administrator or a Council member the authority to determine citations. Hopefully the new fee structure will reduce the number of complaints and minimize Council's time. Vote – Unanimous. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to add the effective date of July 15, 2009. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

FINANCE OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT: Cheryl Bennett presented the budget for Council review. There will be a few more adjustments to the 2008-2009 Budget and the quarterly state shared revenues will not be paid until October. Cheryl Bennett has been working with Fifth Third making sure that all of the VOLP funds are classified as Public Funds. Unfortunately that means that some CD's interest rates dropped from 4.21% to 1.69%.

	<u>Jun 09</u>	<u>Jul '08 - Jun 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
General Fund				
Revenues				
Other revenues				
Payment Kirby park sidewalk	0.00	16,314.95	4,500.00	362.55%
Approp. Fund Balance	0.00	102,122.00	102,122.00	100.0%
National Night Out	0.00	320.00	4,890.00	6.54%
Civil Penalties	450.00	1,550.00	200.00	775.0%
Investment revenue	298.49	7,424.75	21,000.00	35.36%
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,730.35	1,161.00	149.04%
Total Other revenues	748.49	129,462.05	133,873.00	96.71%
Other Taxes				
Cable franchise-from Time Warne	0.00	2,267.00	2,800.00	80.96%

Total Other Taxes	0.00	2,267.00	2,800.00	80.96%
Parks & Recreation Revenue				
Recreation Program Fees	134.00	1,508.70	200.00	754.35%
Community Center rental	185.00	2,840.00	2,800.00	101.43%
Gazebo rental	0.00	90.00	400.00	22.5%
Recreation concession sales	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.0%
Recreation daily swim fees	3,749.50	8,005.64	6,200.00	129.12%
Recreation season pass fees	<u>12,926.00</u>	<u>46,011.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>92.02%</u>
Total Parks & Recreation Revenue	16,994.50	58,455.34	60,400.00	96.78%
Property Taxes				
Ad valorem current year	1,438.40	480,658.04	477,784.00	100.6%
Ad valorem prior years	425.68	10,086.23	4,200.00	240.15%
Late fees (ad)	0.00	133.70	92.00	145.33%
Motor vehicle tax	4,061.86	51,337.44	51,010.00	100.64%
Penalties and interest	277.40	2,829.32	1,250.00	226.35%
Utility ad valorem	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,519.98</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>93.14%</u>
Total Property Taxes	6,203.34	551,564.71	541,336.00	101.89%
State Shared Revenues				
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	0.00	964.03	0.00	
Telecom. Franchise	728.00	1,684.00	600.00	280.67%
Piped Gas	5,579.00	9,524.00	1,400.00	680.29%
Elec. franchise tax	11,613.75	42,591.34	70,000.00	60.85%
Cable Rev. (from State)	5,475.16	17,128.61	18,000.00	95.16%
Sales and use tax	11,661.76	114,313.73	190,000.00	60.17%
Utility franchise	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total State Shared Revenues	<u>35,057.67</u>	<u>186,205.71</u>	<u>280,000.00</u>	<u>66.5%</u>
Total Revenues	<u>59,004.00</u>	<u>927,954.81</u>	<u>1,018,409.00</u>	<u>91.12%</u>
Expense				
Capital Outlay				
Community Center Addition	0.00	2,500.00	4,500.00	55.56%
Pond Landscape	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.0%
Capital Outlay Exp.	0.00	1,520.35	10,000.00	15.2%
Reserve for Capital Replacement	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Capital Outlay	0.00	4,020.35	74,500.00	5.4%
General Administrative Expenses				
Adm Assistant	192.00	336.00	600.00	56.0%
Clerk/Tax Collector	3,565.42	42,785.04	42,785.00	100.0%
Council	2,750.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	100.0%
Finance Officer	855.83	10,269.96	10,270.00	100.0%
Mayor	750.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	100.0%
Payroll Expenses	<u>620.63</u>	<u>5,155.38</u>	<u>5,400.00</u>	<u>95.47%</u>

Total General Administrative Expenses	8,733.88	72,546.38	73,055.00	99.3%
Maintenance of Common Areas				
Landscaping	16,750.00	149,824.00	165,000.00	90.8%
Park maintenance	4,843.08	21,648.58	32,561.00	66.49%
Pond maintenance	<u>300.00</u>	<u>10,409.57</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>94.63%</u>
Total Maintenance of Common Areas	21,893.08	181,882.15	208,561.00	87.21%
Operating Costs				
Advertising	52.86	230.49	400.00	57.62%
Association dues	0.00	2,880.00	2,880.00	100.0%
Bank charges	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.0%
Elections	0.00	560.25	800.00	70.03%
Insurance/bonds	0.00	8,677.45	9,800.00	88.55%
Miscellaneous oper. exp.	59.00	357.80	630.00	56.79%
Newsletter/website/flyers	342.50	2,847.04	2,700.00	105.45%
Office	959.40	2,432.60	5,950.00	40.88%
Postage	107.11	521.52	550.00	94.82%
Tax collection	0.00	1,265.88	1,270.00	99.68%
Telephone	246.19	2,784.25	2,900.00	96.01%
Training	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.0%
Travel	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23.24</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>4.65%</u>
Total Operating Costs	1,767.06	22,580.52	29,100.00	77.6%
Other Expenditures				
Economic Development	0.00	828.09	2,500.00	33.12%
Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Stormwater Expense	<u>10,832.50</u>	<u>15,932.50</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>79.66%</u>
Total Other Expenditures	10,832.50	16,760.59	22,500.00	74.49%
Parks & Recreation				
Pool Operations	368.61	1,862.99	1,600.00	116.44%
Comm. center maintenance	1,514.93	6,584.63	8,919.00	73.83%
Seasonal Decorations	235.00	12,722.42	12,725.00	99.98%
Natural Gas	34.63	1,003.16	1,200.00	83.6%
Pool maintenance	521.22	17,633.21	20,675.00	85.29%
Pool management fee	12,240.00	51,110.50	46,880.00	109.02%
Events/Recreation programs	415.03	2,413.92	2,300.00	104.95%
Storage Rental	0.00	1,193.40	1,194.00	99.95%
Water/Sewer	<u>197.83</u>	<u>1,729.45</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>57.65%</u>
Total Parks & Recreation	15,527.25	96,253.68	98,493.00	97.73%
Professional Fees				
Engineering Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Accountant	0.00	4,100.00	4,200.00	97.62%
Legal Counsel	<u>2,450.00</u>	<u>12,458.94</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>92.29%</u>
Total Professional Fees	2,450.00	16,558.94	17,700.00	93.55%

Public Services/Safety				
Street Signs	900.00	2,770.00	3,500.00	79.14%
National Night Out	0.00	1,485.88	5,900.00	25.18%
Community Watch	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Garbage collection	21,372.46	233,159.30	257,000.00	90.72%
Law enforcement	0.00	132,718.00	133,000.00	99.79%
Street Lights	<u>7,990.45</u>	<u>94,546.09</u>	<u>94,100.00</u>	<u>100.47%</u>
Total Public Services/Safety	<u>30,262.91</u>	<u>464,679.27</u>	<u>494,500.00</u>	<u>93.97%</u>
Total Expense	<u>91,466.68</u>	<u>875,281.88</u>	<u>1,018,409.00</u>	<u>85.95%</u>
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Excess of Rev. over Exp.	<u>32,462.68</u>	<u>52,672.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Powell Bill				
Powell Bill Income				
Fund Bal. from Powell Bill	0.00	0.00	112,624.00	0.0%
Interest - Powell Funds	23.11	523.52	400.00	130.88%
Powell Bill Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>96,089.45</u>	<u>96,089.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Other Income	23.11	96,612.97	209,113.00	46.2%
Powell Bill Expense				
Bank Exp. - Powell checks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Street Exp. - Powell Bill	<u>7,240.00</u>	<u>101,496.97</u>	<u>209,113.00</u>	<u>48.54%</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>7,240.00</u>	<u>101,496.97</u>	<u>209,113.00</u>	<u>48.54%</u>
Net Powell Bill	<u>-7,216.89</u>	<u>-4,884.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
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Net Excess of Rev. over Exp.	<u><u>39,679.57</u></u>	<u><u>47,788.93</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>

TAX OFFICER'S REPORT: One hundred percent of the budgeted tax ad valorem has been collected. The outstanding taxes for 2008 - \$4004.00 includes 15 pieces of property and 13 personal property taxes. Cheri Clark requested a refund of \$100 due to the overpayment of taxes. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve the tax refund. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC SERVICES (Waste Collection & Electric): Sandy Coughlin has requested research on a billing credit that we have not received from Action Garbage. Several Council members have received phone calls from Nelson O'Neal. As the liaison, Sandy Coughlin reminded Mr. O'Neal why Council designates vendor liaisons. Jo Waybright stated that she did not mind that Mr. O'Neal had talked to her about the quality of service that has been received in Lake Park and inquired if she had any concerns about waste collection in the VOLP.

Clint Newton reported that power usage continues to decline however cost continues to rise and that we are waiting on an acorn shade in Russell Park.

COMMUNICATION: Articles for the next Villager need to be submitted by July 17th. Articles for the July newsletter will include topics such as: amended Parking Ordinance, stormwater and Parks and Rec information.

Sandy Coughlin shared information on the Union County Board of Commissioners Governance Committee. The purpose of the committee is to research and recommend alternatives to the current Board of Commissioners structure. Lake Park has over 2,000 registered voters and relies on Union County for zoning, water and sewer and is subject to County taxes. In the event that Sandy Coughlin cannot be at a meeting an appointment is requested to serve as her alternate. Sandy Coughlin made the motion that we appoint Mayor Kendall Spence to be the alternate on the Union County Governance Committee. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Sandy Coughlin requested feedback concerning the structure of the Board of Commissioners from Council and the public. The next UCGC meeting is July 29th.

PARK AND RECREATION: Virginia Currence stated that Schneider Tree Care is conducting a tree inventory at the main entrance, in the Gazebo Park, Russell Park and the Crepe Myrtles at the Clock Tower. By doing the inventory, the tagged trees; which are all of the trees in these areas will be marked with a number according to their needs i.e. removed, treated and/or watched. Each tree is then entered on a spreadsheet with its' recommendations for the next year. The cost to do an inventory of 200 trees is \$650.00. As funds become available, Parks and Rec would like to have all of the trees in the common areas inventoried.

Schneider Tree Care also removed the thirteen Lelands at the corner of Conifer and Alden and the three Lelands on the walkway between Conifer and Creft. They did a good job and left the area neat and clean.

Virginia Currence has met with Allscape Pond Management out of Pineville. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss removing and preventing further encroachment of the aquatic weeds and algae in the ponds. Lucas Landscaping is charging \$350 per copper sulfate treatment. Virginia Currence has found that copper sulfate when put into water does not spread; it just cleans the areas in which it is applied. Allscape is going to provide a quote to treat and remove the algae in the ponds and provide a maintenance treatment schedule for the future.

We have a quote for \$1,465 to repair the headwall at Connie's Pond. Virginia Currence will get additional quotes before asking for funds. When the additional row of bricks were added to the top of that wall, it prevented the water from flowing over the top and forced the overflows to each side creating the erosion issue that now has to be addressed. Mayor Kendall Spence stated that he was under the impression that the rip rap that was installed at Connie's Pond would also serve as a geese deterrent, but that does not seem to be the case. Virginia Currence stated that the geese population is down. Doyle Waybright agreed but stated that we are still in the molting stages. The rip rap does not seem to impede the geese. We have four herds of geese.

The plantings at the front entrance look very nice along the edge of the Children's Lighthouse playground fence. Virginia Currence has the signage language for the Dusk to Dawn signs ready for Attorney Ken Swain to review. Jo Waybright expressed her concerns about people who are out walking thinking that they cannot walk through the parks after dark. Virginia Currence stated that the signs are only to prevent people from congregating in parks after dark.

The Carolina Thread trail committee representative will be named at the next Parks and Rec meeting.

Mayor Kendall Spence asked about the large dead tree located in the Veterans Park playground area. Cheri Clark has been out with maps looking at the area and she thinks the tree is on our property. Virginia Currence will get a quote for removing the dead tree.

Braesael Management Company has had a discussion with Cheri Clark concerning the property in and around the Veterans Park Playground. The village is maintaining their portion of the stormdrain easement in the park but some homeowners are not maintaining their property because the VOLP has an easement. Attorney Ken Swain stated that this is a dual issue. 1. If the VOLP takes this on then it will become the village's responsibility to maintain all stormwater easements and 2. The village does not have the infrastructure to

support the ordinance creation and implementation that allows us to impose upon the property owner the associated maintenance cost.

Jo Waybright shared that the Fourth of July event was smaller this year probably due to the Fourth falling on a Saturday. The extra food was sold and the funds put back into the town coffers.

To date we have 200 pool memberships - \$45,249 and walkups - \$4,496. Feedback from the pool this year has been positive. The pool manager and lifeguards have done a good job.

Girls on The Run has approached us about hosting their spring event again either April 24th or May 1st. Virginia Currence made the motion to approve the Girls on the Run event in 2010. Clint Newton seconded. Vote – Unanimous.

STORMWATER: Mayor Kendall Spence stated that the sidewalk safety repair in Veterans Park is complete. Sandy Coughlin asked if we were going to participate in the Regional Stormwater Partnership program though COG. The VOLP is has joined the partnership for \$275 and Cheri Clark will be attending the quarterly meeting.

STREET BUSINESS: Boggs Paving is planning on resurfacing in August. Mayor Kendall Spence asked Council if they were aware of any potholes that need to be addressed at the same time. There is a pothole in the alley behind 7209 Conifer Circle, one on Trevor Simpson, and a birdbath on Thistle behind 3825 Faith Church.

The gas lines have been moved in preparation of the street improvements at the intersection of Faith Church Road and Indian Trail/Unionville.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin stated that the next EDC meeting is July 23rd and copies of the June meeting were included in Council's packet. Our free ad has been published in the Union County Chamber of Commerce Newcomers Guide.

Growing in Lake Park

*Village of Lake Park
Economic Development
Commission Meeting*

Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2009

Location: *Lucas Landscaping, 3316 Faith Church Road*

Attendees: **Sandy Coughlin, Doug Lucas, Kendall Spence, Sharon Williams**

Absent: **Charles Williams,**

OPENING: Sandy called meeting to order. Kendall offered the reflection.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 19, 2009 EDC meeting were approved unanimously.
No minutes for April or May as this is the first meeting in 3 months.

BUDGET: Our ending balance in June was \$1660 to the good. Council approved our 2009-2010 budget at \$2000.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **March Workshop:** This event was a highlight and measured up to expectations with attendance and a positive network opportunity for the represented organizations and companies. Evaluations tabled for review in July.
2. **Union County Welcome Guides:** The EDC accepted the Chamber's offer to repeat the same ad next year at no charge because they were so remiss at responding to our requests for the copies.
4. **Neighbor Community EDC** Kendall will ask at next Mayor's Council if there are other EDCs that we could learn from. Sharon had attended the Indian Trail business breakfast group and sees it as an indirect way to promote through referral.
5. **Intersection Improvement:** Kendall noted that some preliminary work has begun near the Unionville Indian Trail Road and Faith Church intersection, possibly toward the construction of turn lanes and traffic light. July and August may show further progress.
6. **Commercial Web Development:** Sandy encouraged the commissioners to check out the www.city-data.com/probfiles/add as an opportunity to develop internet exposure for our local organizations. Don O'Brien may be interested in assisting (704) 698-0292

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **EDC Fall Event:** Sharon has begun asking about support and interest in a Lake Park Business (expo) Festival in Town Center Park to draw attention to the local services. Sharon will see if enough sponsors are interested. If so, we can begin plans to set a firm date next month. HOA Fall Festival, Garage Sale Saturday, and sponsor support will be considered. November 7 or 14, perhaps with EDC providing banner signs. (She made suggestions to HOA for Fall Festival for a layout that would be more inclusive in 2009 than it was in 2008 when booths spread around the park perimeter did not get the exposure of those that lined the sidewalks). Sharon started the discussion with Marlene, so consideration of the HOA Fall Festival will be considered.
2. **Auction of TMC property** BB&T Auction of 2 parcels, 11 and 5 acres is scheduled for June 23. These are undeveloped properties that The Mathisen Company had released to foreclosure.
3. **Commercial News:** The Town Center is in transition as TMC expects to be out by September 1 2008, the Dry Clean lease and Li's Chinese renewals are not far off, and Elevation is making progress on their new location in Matthews on Hwy 74. We anticipate news of a new owner soon. Residential townhome development continues good progress.
4. **Town Center Sign:** The sign belongs to the Town Center and could undergo changes to promote the existing businesses with more space/panels before vacancies are filled.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30pm Thursday, July 23. 3325 Faith Church Road (Coughlin townhome)

ADJOURNED: 7:45 pm.

The GROWTH Coach Quote: If you want greater freedom, flexibility, fulfillment and financial results, DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. If you keep doing the same thing, you will keep getting the same results - that much in life is guaranteed.

SET AGENDA FOR AUGUST 11, 2009: Add: 10. Union County Governance Committee and delete Parking Ordinance Public Hearing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Virginia Currence thanked Clint Newton for his help with the Fourth of July event.

Clint Newton thanked Dave Noland for all of his help during the Fourth of July event and for supplying the grill and generator.

Sandy Coughlin encouraged people to run for office and July 17th is the deadline.

Kendall Spence thanked Clint and Virginia for their hard work on the Fourth of July event.

ADJOURN: Sandy Coughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clint Newton seconded the motion.
Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Kendall Spence

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark